GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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FACILITIES TO LABOURERS BY CIL
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a). whether the Coal India Limited provide housing, water and medical facilities to coal mine labourers;

(b). if so, the details thereof;

(c). the amount spent by the Coal India Limited during each of the last two years and current year therefor;

(d). whether the health cards issued to coal mine labourers in 1994 are not being renewed;

(e). if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f). the time by which these cards are likely to be renewed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVISHANKAR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): As as April , 2002, CIL hasprovided 4,07,389 houses to coal workers and 23.19 lakhs population covered under water supply scheme. Medical facilities provided by CIL workers is as under:-

S.No.	Item	Nos.
i	No. of Hospitals	87
ii	No. of Beds	5979
iii	No. of Dispensary	436
iv	No. of Ambulance	661
v	No. of Doctors	1769

(c): Year-wise expenditure incurred by CIL and its subsidiaries on Housing, Water Supply and Medical is as under.

1999-2000	-	Rs. 366.10 Crores.
2000-2001	-	Rs. 329.97 Crores.
2001-2002 (PROV)	-	Rs. 291.38 Crores.

(d), (e) & (f): Health cards are not being renewed. Reasons for non-renewal of Health Card was-

- It was not providing any extra benefit/information than which was available through periodical medical examinations.

- Workers were un-willing to undergo for frequent health check-up, without any advantage.

- Functionally it was mammoth task to examine al the employees of CIL every quarter.

Although health card system was started in 1993 but could not be continued after 1994 due to above reasons.